GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FISHERMEN WELFARE SCHEME
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of programme being implemented for the welfare of fishermen;

(b) whether there is any provision for insurance to the fishermen under the said programme;

(c) if so, the State-wise details of fishermen insured during the last three years;

(d) the criteria followed for providing insurance cover to the fishermen;

(e) the State-wise number and details of the insured fishermen who died during the last three years,State-wise;

(f) whether the families of all the deceased fishermen have been provided the insurance benefits under the scheme;and

(g) if not,the reasons therefor alongwith the time by which the families of the insured fishermen are likely to be provided benefits ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE(SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a): The National Scheme of Welfare of Fishermen is being implemented in the States/Union Territories as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme comprising of the following components:

i) Development of Model Fishermen Villages i.e. construction of fishermen houses,community halls and installation of tube wells for drinking water.

ii) Saving-cum-Relief to provide financial assistance to fishermen during the lean(fishing ban) period.

iii) Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen.

(b): Yes,Sir.Under the component of Group Accident Insurance for Active Fishermen, Rs.50,000/- are provided in case of death or permanent disability and Rs.2,50,000/- in case of partial disability.

(c): A statement indicating State-wise number of fishermen insured under the Group Accident Insurance Scheme during the last three years is given in Annexureâ€”I.

(d): All active fishermen in age group of 18-70 years are eligible for insurance cover under the said scheme.

(e): A statement indicating number of insured fishermen State-wise in respect of whom the insurance claims (death cases) have been received during the last three years is given at Annexure-II.

(f) & (g): Most of the families of the deceased fishermen have been given benefits of insurance cover under the scheme.The benefits are provided within two months from the date of receiving the claims if the claim papers are in order.